

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Art Unit

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/26/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/27/08.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert H. Frantz (the Undersigned Attorney, Reg. No.42,553) on 3/27/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **cancel** claims 2-23.

Please **replace** claim 1 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for automatically provisioning a networked device with one or more software programs comprising the:

associating with a first user and a first networked client device at least one computer-readable user-organizational role definition file, containing at least one software package identifier according to an organizational role to be performed by said user;

initializing said first networked client device for use in said organization by said user for said user-organizational role by installing one or more software packages on said networked client device according to said software package identifiers in said user-organizational role definition file;

storing said user-organizational role definition file on or in said associated first networked

client device using a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol directory service protocol such that said user-organizational role definition file is modifiable by said first user using said networked device, and such that a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol server may monitor [[the]] status of said user-organizational role definition file; subsequent to said initialization of said first networked client device, providing on-demand reconfiguration responsive to detection of modification by said first user of said user-organizational role definition file through monitoring by said Lightweight Directory Access Protocol server by:

reevaluating software package requirements of said first networked client device with respect to said first user's modified role definition;

installing on said first networked client device via said Lightweight Directory Access Protocol one or more software packages required by said first user according to a modified first user's organizational role as reflected in said modified user-organizational role definition file; and

uninstalling from said first networked client device via said Lightweight Directory Access Protocol one or more software packages no longer required by said first user according to a modified organizational role as reflected in said first user's modified user-organizational role definition file; and

recovering one or more licenses by a license management system corresponding to said uninstalled software packages such that recovered licenses may be reassigned to second and subsequent users of second and subsequent networked client devices during repetition of said

steps of initialization and providing on-demand reconfiguration.

Claims 2 - 23 (cancelled).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 1 is allowed.

Reason for allowance

3. This communication warrants no examiner's reason for allowance, as applicant's reply makes evident the reason for allowance, satisfying the record as whole as required by rule 37 CFR 1.104(e). In this case, the substance of applicant's remarks filed on 3/26/2008 with respect to the added claim limitation point out the reason claims are patentable over the prior art of record. Thus, the reason for allowance is in all probability evident from the record and no statement for examiner's reason for allowance is necessary (see MPEP 13202.14).

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Dinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-3936. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.m. to 5:00 P.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, FOLLANSBEE JOHN, can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for this group is (571) 273-8300.

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/Khanh Dinh/

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